total number of samples drawn during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) A_s per Drugs and Cosmetics Rules each drug manufacturer is required to have his own testing laboratory. Available information with the Government reveals that there are 93 units in Maharashtra which do not hav_e their own testing laboratories. These units have obtained stay orders in the Bombaj High Court against the orders of the Commissioner Food and Drugs Aa-ministration, Maharashtra, requiring them to provide .Analytical laboratories.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Drugs nnd Cosmetics Rules provide that for tests requiring sophisticated instrumentation techniques and other special tests, manufacturers ean get their samples tested at private laboratories approved hy the State Licensing aiVhorities. List of these approved testing laboratories, a_s available with this Ministry is anoexed. (See Appendix CXLIX. Annexure No. 126.)

(f) There are 4 Central Government laboratories in the country. The Central and State Government laboratories do not test samples sent hy the manufacturers. Only samples received from Drug Inspectors undf>r the provisions of the Drugs $_a$nd Cosmetics Act and Rules, are tested by these Central and State Government laboratories.

Study on K-Band Satellites

2205. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING he pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Informatics Centre has prepared a feasibility study on K-band satellites, which will reduce the cost of setting up earth stations;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the extent to which this will be capable of serving the earth stations and by when the same is likeiy to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAM ME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRl MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) A study on the possibility of using a special purpose K-band satel lite for only data communication bet ween computers has been initiated by fcbe National Informatics Centre with the objective of examining technolo gies which can reduce the cost of set« ting up of earth stations in its network, NICNET. The study is i_n t«e prelimi nary stage.

(c) It is too eariy a stage to speci fy the capacity of the satellite. However, if found feasible and th_e cost oi the project affordable, implementation is likeiy to be taken up during the 3th Fiv_e Year Pla_n period.

Spreading of Malaria in various Districts of Orissa

2206. SHRl JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ar_e aware of tshe spreading of Malaria in Koraput, Phulbani and Keonjhar districts of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps $take_n$ by Government to eradicate malaria in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No report on spread of Malaria in Koraput, Phulbani and Keonjhar districts of Orissa has been

received from State Health Authorities. According to epidemiological data received from State Government the incidence of Malaria in these three districts^ in regularly showing a declining trend.

(b) The following specific steps are being taken to contain the spread oi Malaria in the country including Oris--To contain the transmission o' Malaria, residual insecticidal spray is being carried out in areas where Annual Parasite incidence is 2 and aoove.

—Stress has been laid for regulai fortnightly surveillance in all malarious areas of the country.

-Laboratory services have been de-centralised at the Primary Health Centre for prompt examination of b ood smears and administration of radical treatment without any time *US*-

-Drug Distribution Centres and Fe. ver Treatment Depots are functioning in the remote areas of the country to make available anti-malaria drugs to the fever cases.

—To contain P. falciparum strain. a p. falciparum containment Programme is functioning in the probem areas of the country.

Closure of Talcher heavy water plant

2207. SHRl JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased td state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the heavy water plant at Talcher in Orissa hag been closed down.

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof:

(c) the date since when that plant has been closed down; and

(d) the steps taken for the revival of that unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRl K R. NARAYANAN):

Ca) No, Sir.

(bj to (d) Do not arise.

Public health schools

2208. SHRI JAGADISH JANl- Will the Minister of HEALTH 'AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up Public Health Schools in different states;

(b) if so, the number of such Public Health Schools proposed to be set up by Government in 1989-90; and

v'c) the fundg earmarked in the i989-90 financial year towards the cost of the establishment and maintenance of such schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE):)a) No.

(b) and (c) D_0 not arise.

Termination of services of werkers in NIN

2209. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that services of some research workers who worked for more than seven years continuously at the National Institution of Nutrition on the ground that they were working in research projects;